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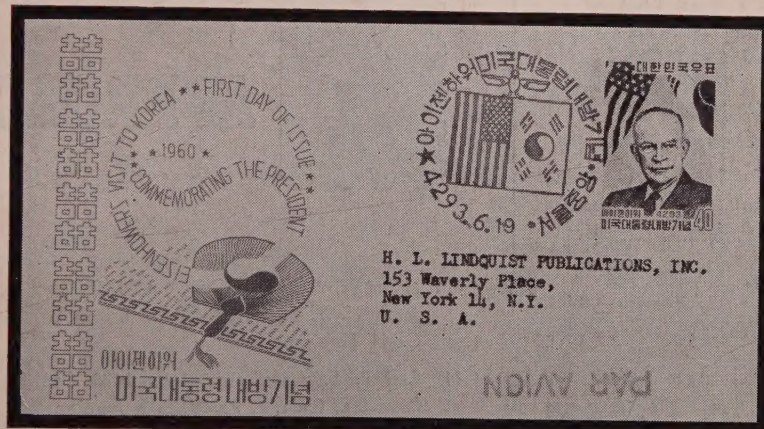
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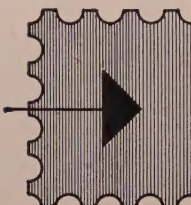
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Montecatini an Ideal Stopping Place on Way from Rome to Paris and the London Exhibition

WE had heard of Montecatini, in the Tuscany region of Italy, but it was not until November 1959, while in the midst of planning our schedules for the international philatelic exhibitions at Johannesburg, South Africa, and London, England, that we thought of visiting it. We saw an article in *Holiday* magazine extolling the virtues of its spas and its accessibility to many of the areas where we had philatelic contacts. So we began to look into the possibility of making Montecatini our headquarters during the interim between the exhibitions, which would stretch from the middle of May to the middle of July—a two months' period—and became increasingly enthusiastic as we considered it. Our doctor had urged us to relax along the way and when we mentioned Montecatini to him as a possible place where we could conveniently stop between exhibitions, he immediately recommended it and advised us to take advantage of the curative values of the spa's waters.

Although it became evident later that we would have to eliminate the trip to South Africa for the UNIPLEX show, owing to more pressing commitments, the lure of Montecatini had cast its spell, and besides, our doctor was now insistent that we include its beneficial health values in our plans.

It was a fortunate decision, for Montecatini is a beautiful resort, with tree-lined avenues, large and well-kept gardens and parks, and hotel facilities that rank with the best to be found anywhere. Our own selection was the *Grand Hotel a la Pace*, which has our enthusiastic endorsement. The manager (Mr. Gino) speaks English fluently, as does the assistant manager (Richard) who was always at our service. We were even given the courtesy of having an English-speaking waiter

(Osvalo) assigned to us, and he proved very helpful. In the off-season he and another fellow-waiter serve on the *Homeric*, which runs cruises in the Caribbean area, with regular stops at New York.

Some of our readers may wonder why we mention these details, but we have learned through the years that they prove very helpful to many of our subscribers in the matter of their own travels. Many times they have reported back to us later that following our suggestions or having them as guidance has been very useful to them.

The waters of Montecatini are world-famous, which we can understand since our own personal discovery of them. Even internationally known facts sometimes escape all of us, so it is always good to pass on the information even though to some it will not be news. For hundreds of years, the waters of Montecatini have been noted for their beneficial effect on liver, stomach, and intesti-

nal diseases, and their mud baths for rheumatic arthritis and circulatory disturbances. So if any of our readers are looking for a relaxing spot that might cure what ails them, we suggest that Montecatini might be the answer to their prayers.

If we were publishing a travel magazine, or one devoted to general articles, we could go into an enthusiastic account of the possibilities of this place. It has everything the seeker after amusement as well as relaxation and health could possibly desire. It offers daily concerts, many sports activities, and is within an hour or so of many interesting cities, including Florence, Pisa, and Lucca, all of which can be reached by de-luxe buses at modest fares. Even Rome, Milan, and Venice can be visited in a few hours. In fact, Montecatini is so convenient to Florence, for instance, that several people whom we wished to meet there drove over to Montecatini to visit us instead, and we all had an enjoy-



President Dwight D. Eisenhower accepting an album of the American Woman stamps from Mrs. Alice K. Leapold, Assistant to the Secretary of Labor, at a special ceremony held in the White House May 3, 1960. Present (left to right) are Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield; Mrs. Leapold; the President; Miss Mary Anderson, First Director Women's Bureau, Dept. of Labor; and Labor Secretary James P. Mitchell.

able time. The trip each way takes less than an hour through interesting scenery.

A few days before we left New York we had received a letter from Guido Brogelli of 17 Via Pandolfini, Florence, which had been sent at the suggestion of the U. S. Information Service of that city. Mr. Brogelli's letter advised us of the fact that he was about to launch a *Hobby* magazine, and he requested information about the People-to-People Hobbies Committee. When sending him the data, we told him of our plan to visit his area, and one of the first calls we received in Montecatini

was from Mr. Brogelli. He brought along a "dummy" of his projected magazine, which is quite ambitious in its scope. In addition to all of our own list of hobbies (which of course includes stamp collecting), he will feature many sports and articles of regional interest.

The magazine, which will be called *A Hobby for You*, will of course be published in Italian, which will limit its appeal to those who understand the language. But we can cooperate very effectively through our People-to-People Hobbies Committee, which reaches thousands of Italian-speaking people throughout the world.

For those who would like more details of the magazine, we include the following. It will be a monthly, of 32-40 pages plus cover in color. It will start with 5,000 copies, which will be circulated in Tuscany, with the further aim to expand its circulation on the national level. It will not at first be very technical, but will rather illustrate hobbies from the human point of view, stressing their importance in human relations, international friendship and brotherhood.

With the exception of some types of sports, hobbies are not as popular in Italy as Mr. Brogelli believes they should be, and are given only superficial consideration, generally speaking. Most people think they are just a waste of time or are too expensive for the lower classes to afford. Mr. Brogelli feels that there is a need to make it more generally known that a hobby can make one rich in other things besides money. It is his aim in his new magazine to encourage the diffusion of knowledge about simple and inexpensive hobbies among the middle and lower classes. In this way, he hopes to contribute to better general education concerning them and to a broadening of their appreciation of the cultural knowledge that will come to them through following a hobby.

The staff will be persons familiar with and active in various hobbies rather than professional journalists. Collaboration from foreigners, especially Italians abroad who are now enjoying their hobbies in lands outside Italy, will be welcome, and Mr. Brogelli is sure it will lead to greater friendship among peoples. They will eventually seek to secure subscriptions from Americans of Italian extraction who are living in the United States and to secure advertising of American firms who have offices in Italy, such as General Motors, Evinrude, and others. The magazine will have a few pages on motors and motorboating so that advertisers in that field might find it a desirable medium. If any of our readers are interested in any aspect of the new *Hobby* magazine, Mr. Brogelli would be happy to hear from them, we are sure.

We also had a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Alfonso Burgisser, of Florence. Mr. Burgisser is the author of the recently published book *Stamps and Cancellations of the Roman States*, for which we are the American distributors. We followed this visit with an enjoyable luncheon at his home on one of the many hills surrounding Florence, where we met their

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 Aug. 19—St. Louis, Missouri—7c Fire Red Airmail Stamp in Booklet Form (Serviced with full panes of 6 only at 42c per cover)
 Aug. 28—New York I, New York—4c Employ the Physically Handicapped
 Aug. 29 — Seattle, Wash.—4c Fifth World Forestry Congress
 Sept. 14 — Baltimore, Md.—4c Francis Scott Key "Credo"
 Sept. 16—Los Angeles, Calif.—4c Mexican Independence Centennial
 Sept. 26—Washington, D. C.—4c Japanese-American Treaty Centennial
 Oct. 8—Washington, D. C.—4c and 8c Paderewski Champion of Liberty
 Oct. 18—New York, N. Y.—4c Boys Clubs of America
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son-in-law, *A. H. Weber*. Mr. Weber now has an appointment with us in New York for this coming October, when he will visit the United States on one of his frequent trips in the interest of his export business.

Mr. Burgisser has long been a specialist in the stamps of the Roman States, and this book is the result of his many years of research. Every cancellation is illustrated, and if you have not already bought a copy, and are interested in this phase of philately, we suggest that you do so soon. The 1500 copies will not last forever, and this should prove a classic work on this interesting field of specialization.

Florence has several important stamp dealers, and we had the pleasure of meeting *Giovanni Peruzzi*, who has an attractive ground-floor store at *Via Martelli 30-R*, where we noted large displays of first day covers, in addition to the usual packets, sets, and singles. Mr Peruzzi is

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W. A. Haynes, Richmond, Va., has sent an article from the May 20, 1960 edition of the *Church Times*, published in London, England, which is titled "America Brings Religion into Its Stamps—Letters With the Imprint of Faith," written by G. K. Leonard. The article cites various examples of religious themes on U. S. stamps and cancellations, including the 3c immortal Chaplains commemorative, the Francis Scott Key Credo stamp, and the widely used "Pray for Peace" slogan cancellation.

Our thanks to the American Topical Association and Brian M. Johnson for covers with special cachet and cancellation from TOPEX '60, held June 17-19, 1960, and for first day 5c air postal cards released during the show, on June 18, 1960; to the *Motor City Air Mail Society* for a cachet cover dated June 11, 1960, commemorating their 250th meeting; to the General Stamp Co., New York, for photographs of the forthcoming New Zealand pictorial set; to *Frederick H. Barth* for a special Flag Day cover, dated June 14, 1960, sponsored by the Bell Telephone Stamp Club of Philadelphia; to *Lim Kang Ojit* for a first day cover of Indonesia's World Refugee Year set issued April 7, 1960; and to *Nobuyoshi Urabe* for a first day cover of Japan's 12th Conference for Bird Conservation commemorative, issued May 24, 1960.

John A. Fox, of 110 West 42nd Street, New York 36, New York, stamp dealer-auctioneer-appraiser, sends a photograph of a sheet of the U. S. SEATO stamp which was found imperforate between the second and third horizontal rows.

Our thanks to the following for first day covers: C. Edv. Nielsen, Copenhagen, for Denmark's Lighthouse anniversary commemorative issued June 8, 1960; S. Ramanwamy, Madras, for India's Kalidasa commemorative set issued June 22, 1960; G. A. Leonhard, West Chester, Pa., for Japan's 25th Radio anniversary commemorative, issued June 1, 1960; M. Mat-

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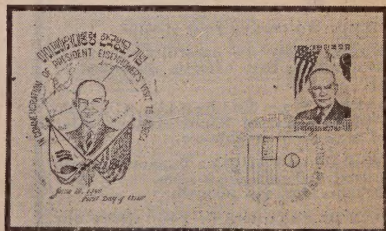
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sui, Osaka, for Japan's Bird Preservation Conference stamp released May 24, 1960.
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A. J. Shanahan, McLean, Va., sends an article from the June 26, 1960, edition of the *Washington Post*, entitled "Stamps Symbolize Unity," by *Franklin R. Bruns, Jr.* The story on the Europa stamps is amply illustrated, and dramatizes the vital meaning of these issues.
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Stepan Gela, Toronto, submits an article from the June 22, 1960 edition of the *Globe and Mail*, on the 1960 World Refugee Year issues. A representative display of these issues highlights the item, written by *Doug Patrick*, describing how the "tragic story of the world's homeless" is "told through postage stamps."
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James M. Chemi

Mr. Chemi is a veteran newspaperman, a stamp collector for over thirty years, and author of many philatelic articles. His newspaper career started with the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, was interrupted by service of four years during World War II with the U. S. Army, then a sports writing assignment after the war with the *Kansas City Star*, where he remained for eleven years. In 1957 he joined the staff of the *Phoenix Gazette* as sports makeup editor.

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Regular postage stamp plates sent to press also during May included Nos. 26619 and 26620 for the 1½-cent "Palace of the Governors" stamp in sheet form, and plates 26621 and 26622 for the same denomination in coil form.

Assigned plates during May included Nos. 26662, 26665, 26666 and 26669 for the 4-cent Boys' Club of America Movement commemorative, which will be released in New York, New York, on October 18, 1960.

Master plate 26556, for the 4-cent Patrick Henry "Credo" stamp scheduled for issuance during January of 1961, was cancelled on May 2, 1960. No impressions were taken from this plate. Also cancelled that month were six non-postage plates, various 4-cent Lincoln regular postage issue plates, and a postage due frame plate (26289).

SEATO STAMP F. D. FIGURES

When the 4-cent SEATO commemorative stamp was released at Washington, D. C., on May 31, 1960, there were 514,926 first day covers cancelled, and 910,386 stamps sold with a total value of \$36,419.44. This brings the number of first day covers cancelled in the first five months of this year to 7,172,411, and the total of first day sales to \$587,346.55, with the 2½-cent embossed envelope figures for May 28 still unreported.

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The frame for the 4-cent Francis Scott Key "Credo" stamp, to be first placed on sale September 14, 1960, at Baltimore, Maryland, was engraved by Robert J. Jones, and the symbol, signature, quotation and denomination by George L. Huber. The design was by Frank P. Conley, who was responsible for all the "Credo" stamps.

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Charles R. Chickering of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing was responsible for the model of the Fifth World Forestry Congress commemorative stamp, based on the Congress emblem. The vignette was engraved by Richard M. Bower, and the lettering and numeral by George A. Payne.

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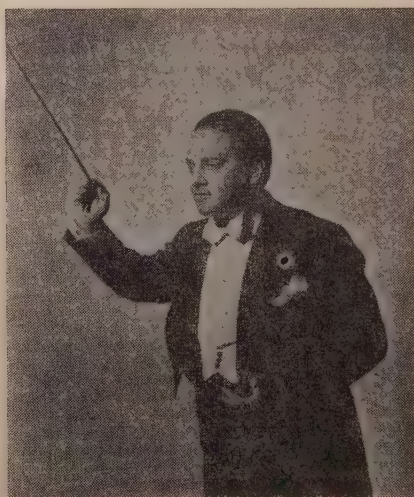
By H. L. LINDQUIST

EVERYONE knows *Vincent Lopez* as the great band leader, the famous maestro of the piano; but perhaps only we of the philatelic world know him as the devoted stamp collector, one who loves his stamps and who gives whatever time he can spare from his busy world of music and entertainment to the enjoyment of this best of all hobbies. He gives of his time too, wherever and whenever time and opportunity permit, to the promotion of philatelic activities and to spreading the message far and wide of the special qualities which make stamp collecting a gratifying and worthwhile pursuit.

When a man achieves the degree of fame that *Vincent Lopez* has earned, it is but natural that people everywhere who have enjoyed the fruits of his talents should be interested in knowing by what steps he reached that level. Often, we find, it has come out of early hardships, many setbacks, but a determined will to conquer and win against all odds. Vincent's is such a story.

Antonio Lopez, his father, had brought from his native Portugal the old-world ideas of discipline. But more than this, he was a religious zealot to whom fun and laughter or pleasures of any sort were sinful. He gave himself no time for such worldly things, and demanded the same austerity of others who came under his authority. For his son he envisioned but one future, a life in the priesthood, and he saw to it that the boy would be as little "contaminated" with the evils of the outside world as was possible. He kept Vincent at the piano keys relentlessly hour after hour, day after day, with no time for play except for such stolen hours as the lad might avail himself of when his father was away from home. But this was not often nor for long because Antonio Lopez earned his livelihood at home giving lessons to aspirants seeking to master a variety of musical instruments. So zealous was he to get Vincent on his way to the priesthood, Antonio

persuaded the Provincial of the Passionist Order of the Roman Catholic Church in the United States to accept the boy for the start of his studies shortly after Vincent's twelfth birthday. He was to go to St. Mary's in Dunkirk, near Buffalo,



Vincent Lopez

New York; he was the youngest ever to enter St. Mary's, and the nearest to his age when he arrived was sixteen.

On his first day at the Monastery Vincent was informed that self-denial and self-discipline would be required of him, as of anyone entering the religious life. This caused him no dismay; he had never known anything else. In fact, he soon found that discipline at the Monastery was easier to take than what he had known at home. Here it was purposeful and consistent, not of the erratic character that his father had imposed. Actually, for the first time he was allowed periods for play and to enjoy other beneficial diversions. But the age difference made it difficult for Vincent to team up with any of the activities in which the other boys found common interest. So it was that what had once been to him an instrument of torture became his greatest source of comfort and a shield against loneliness.

There was a piano in the recrea-

tion room of the Monastery, and one night, when Vincent found himself alone again as all the rest had split off into common-interest groups, the piano seemed to him like an old friend. He began to play it softly, and soon the boys gathered around, and they all sang. Even the Father who was recreation counselor that night was captivated by his mastery of the piano, and asked him to teach him to play. Vincent acceded happily. He was having the time of his life. Nothing he had ever known could compare with it; and in those moments had come his first consciousness of how, through music, he could give pleasure to others and at the same time share in it himself. Though he did not then know it, that night he was lost to the priesthood, but he had found himself. He was his own person at last, not the mere reflection of what his father directed him to be.

Nevertheless, it was not until Vincent had spent over three years at the Monastery that he dared permit his true desires to emerge. When he was taken from a task he liked and took pride in to be put to scrubbing floors to teach him humility, rebellion swelled to the bursting point. *Father Sebastian*, to whom he poured out his woes, was not surprised. He had seen it coming for some time, and he suggested that Vincent try living in the outside world for a year or so to find out if this or some other life was meant for him. Vincent readily agreed, and suggested he would perhaps spend that year teaching the piano, which he had come to love. *Father Sebastian* nodded, and told him he believed that music was his true vocation.

Vincent managed to ride out the storm which greeted him at home when his father heard the news, but Antonio was forced to accept the verdict when it was confirmed by *Father Sebastian*. In deciding what should then be done, his father, as usual, did not consult Vincent, but informed him that he would be sent to a business school at once. Vincent

was not of a mind to press his luck by suggesting that he would like to follow music, which he knew would be a futile gesture anyway; and so he went to business school. Subsequently his father secured a job for him at \$8.00 a week, \$2.00 of which, he informed him, *Vincent* would be allowed to keep. Actually, by this time, his father had need of the money since his dictatorial ways had deprived him of most of his pupils. Nevertheless, *Vincent* learned later that another \$2.00 a week was set aside and saved for him.

But now that he had found his true vocation, *Vincent* could no more be kept out of the music and the entertainment world than he could have been kept in the Monastery, despite his father's determination to run his life. When an opportunity came to earn \$2.00 a night playing at *Sanger Hall* in Williamsburg and similar places, he seized it, though he knew he would have to continue during the daytime in the stenographic job his father had secured for him in *Campbell's Milk Company*. He would tell his father, he decided, that he was working overtime. It was not long before *Antonio* realized what was happening; however, the extra money *Vincent* was bringing home was badly needed, and so there was tacit acceptance of the situation. But *Antonio* was heart-sick with the conviction that his son had become possessed of a thousand devils.

His round-the-clock working hours eventually took their toll, and falling asleep cost *Vincent* both his day and night jobs on the same day. *Vincent* decided it was time for him to take hold of his own life and run it his own way. He wrote a note for his mother, packed his few belongings, and left home. His father never forgave him; home was forever closed to him.

The isolation of his childhood left *Vincent* little prepared, except in his music, for the life which now lay ahead of him. He had never learned to mingle with people at ease; he was shy and naive. But he had made friends both at *Kissick's Business College* and in the world of entertainment. He headed for *Dick Harding's* home; *Dick* had got him the job at *Clayton's* which he had just lost, and *Dick* had good news for him. He had already found him a new job at *McLaughlin's* in Sheepshead Bay, at \$20.00 a week and a room to sleep in. He met some of the celebrities of the day there, including *John Bunny*, and immensely enjoyed playing there. When the season ended, he and *Dick Harding*

went on to a place called *The Cottage*, in the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn. There he met the great *W. C. Fields*, and as he went from job to job, other greats of the entertainment world crossed his path, and he came to know many of them intimately.

There followed years of trial and error, of good luck and bad, of ups and downs. But whether he made big money or small, he always seemed to end up broke. He was generous, and people took advantage of this, which was one reason. Another was that he wanted to do big things, different things, things that would entertain in a spectacular way. He liked to pioneer, and this often involved big expenditures, and even though successful, these ventures often left him in debt.

Vincent has many "firsts" to his credit, among them the first live broadcast of popular dance music, and the first to send music direct from a handstand over the wires for broadcast from a radio station.

He became a vaudeville headliner, and a hit on radio. He gave a jazz concert at the *Metropolitan Opera House* with smashing success, to the astonishment of many opera-lovers who had considered it little short of a sacrilege to let his band play there. For this event he added a specialty, the harmonica of *Borah Minneville*, whom he had found demonstrating the harmonica behind a sales counter in *Wurlitzer's*. *Minneville* was only one of many persons he discovered and started on their road to fame. He introduced a number of hit songs, including *W. C. Handy's* immortal "St. Louis Blues."

When he opened the *Casa Lopez*, it was pronounced by one and all as the last word in elegance. Furnishings in the foyer included a \$10,000 *Ampico* electric player piano that continuously played music *Lopez* had recorded for the *Ampico* company; and wall cabinets containing collectors' items from all over the world. Along the broad stairway were famous paintings. On the main floor were statuary and live greenery, murals and paintings, chandeliers in delicate French design, much else of exquisite beauty. It was a far cry from the sawdust-floor saloons where he had first played only a few years earlier. But *Casa Lopez* was destined later to burn down to a complete loss in a \$200,000 blaze. Another setback! Would they never end?

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that the *Casa Lopez* was on fire, he had been told by a numerologist: "Something is occurring right now that will change your entire life." From the numerologist's he went to fulfill an engagement at the *Audubon Theatre*, and there was informed of the fire. As he rushed to the scene of the holocaust and realized how complete was his loss, he recalled the words of the numerologist. Which way, he must have wondered, would his entire life be completely changed, for better or for worse? At such a time the prediction could even be a ray of hope, especially for one who so often at the height of an upward climb had been swept off his pinnacle only to rise again to greater heights.

On numerous other occasions he found similar accuracy in numerology, and finally decided to make a study of it himself. Today he is telling fortunes of others by numerology, as well as guiding his own life according to this science. He has in fact foretold some world-shaking events and the coming emergence of personalities whose actions have had dire international consequence.

But *Lopez* had also never completely cast aside his early religious training. Although he did not practice the faith as he had been taught, nor regularly attend church, he had always, through prayer, turned to God to guide him, especially when dire misfortunes, like the *Casa Lopez* fire, brought him back to a realization of life's verities. He had always retained fond memories of his years at the Monastery, and the people he met there, and it seemed as though God had to remind him every so often of Father Sebastian's admonition to remain ever humble. Yet following each reminder, in his darkest moments, *Vincent* always found a door opening to new opportunity, a ready-made chance for a

fresh start, and today he is convinced that God never let go of him, though He let him have his own way of finding his way back to the spirit of the Monastery.

Today *Vincent Lopez* is firmly back on the road of stability as relates to all phases of his life. Since 1941 he has been a permanent fixture at the *Hotel Taft Grill Room*, at Seventh Avenue and 50th Street, New York, and his continuing success there is of international fame. No trip to New York is complete without at least one visit there to dine and dance to the wonderful music of the *Lopez* orchestra; and one visit usually entices more. *Lopez* is exceptionally cooperative in playing request tunes for diners, and he is often to be found at some table between numbers to say a few words to this visitor or that; or sometimes even to give a bit of numerological forecast. He is no longer in any danger of financial chaos, with his earnings safely invested in blue-chip stocks and his stamp collection. The rebellion engendered by the paternal suppression of his early years has spent itself, and with its passing he has found the stability which God was determined he should have.

Stamp collecting came into *Vincent's* life one night in 1939 when he was in particularly low spirits. He was playing in San Francisco. A large package was delivered to him on the bandstand, which he opened between dance sets. Inside he found a half-filled stamp album with a note from a friend saying it had been given to her, but "I realize it will take somebody with a more inquisitive mind and a deeper interest in history to make the most of it, so I feel you should have this album."

Only the day before his trombonist, noting his dark mood, had suggested that he take up stamp collecting. The coincidence struck his

ever alert mind as having some meaning for him. "The new hobby refreshed my outlook on life," he says, and he has stayed with the hobby ever since, improving his knowledge along the way, and today he definitely ranks as one of our important philatelists.

Much of what we have written here has been gleaned from the wonderfully revealing and frankly told story of his life which recently was published by *The Citadel Press*, 222 Park Avenue South, New York 3, New York. This autobiography, entitled "*Lopez Speaking*," retails for \$4.95, and may be ordered direct or through your local book store. You will find it one of the most fascinating stories you have ever read, full of fast-moving events, thrilling episodes of personal triumph, told in a way that makes you feel you are living with it and through it. The book, of course, tells much, much more than we have reported here, and in far greater detail. We guarantee that once you start reading it, you will not lay the book down until you have finished it.

The writer is happy for the friendship that exists between *Vincent Lopez* and himself, and it had long been our intention to write a "Flowers for the Living" tribute to him. Happily, the recent publication of the book enabled us to have more of his story than our own memory could produce, but if you want to really know the full entrancing tale, treat yourself to "*Lopez Speaking*."

Nellie Sergent

NELLIE SERGENT, one of the very active members of *The Women's Philatelic Society*, and an ardent devotee of the People-to-People Program who had been one of those manning the People-to-People Hobbies Committee booth at various shows, died of a heart attack on June 23, 1960.

She had not been well recently, and when one of the W.P.S. members tried unsuccessfully to get her on the telephone, she called the superintendent of the apartment house. On gaining entry to the apartment, the superintendent found her sitting at the breakfast table, apparently having passed away quietly there.

Miss Sergent collected postal cards as well as stamps, and we understand that her collection of cards has been willed to, or previously accepted by, the Library of Congress.

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Summerfield Regrets Czech Government's Rejection of Masaryk Mail

POSTMASTER GENERAL Arthur E. Summerfield announced on June 28th that he "deplored" the action taken by the Czechoslovakia Government in barring mail bearing U. S. Masaryk stamps, issued March 7, 1960. In further comments he said:

"These stamps are part of a series paying tribute to the great contributions to freedom made by foreign born leaders.

"An impressive ceremony was held here in Washington on that date with large numbers of American citizens of Czechoslovakian birth or ancestry in attendance. Many of these freedom-loving Americans used these new Masaryk stamps for mail addressed to their friends and relatives in Czechoslovakia.

"To our amazement we were informed that mail bearing the Masaryk stamp was being delivered in Czechoslovakia with the Masaryk stamps removed and envelopes marked 'received without stamps.' We protested this practice, but received no reply from the Czechoslovakia Postal Authorities. Later they began returning such mail marked 'not admitted.'

"The procedure being followed by Czechoslovakia is used when international mail is received which is objectionable to the country of destination. The Universal Postal Convention, to which the United States and Czechoslovakia are signatories, prescribes that each member country of

the Union has the right to determine what articles shall be prohibited in its service, and there is no effective way in which another country can take exception to such determination.

"When a nation establishes a prohibition, it normally notifies the other country or countries from which the objectionable matter is being sent. The Czech postal authorities failed to follow this universally accepted obligation.

"Our efforts to correct this situation date back to May 10, when we wrote the Czech postal authorities protesting the removal of the Masaryk stamp from letters.

"Then, on June 8, we cabled them again to protest the removal of the stamps. And, in the same cable, we also asked them for an official explanation of the many complaints which we had received meanwhile protesting their return of letters with the Masaryk stamp marked 'not admitted.'

"It is clear that we have made substantial efforts to get satisfaction from the Czech postal authorities. While they are technically within their legal rights in determining what mail may enter their territory, it is deplorable that they should bar communications from this country to loved ones in Czechoslovakia because of stamps honoring a brilliant scholar, author and patriot who fought with the powerful weapons of ideas, logic and eloquence, and who won the admiration and active support of freedom-loving peoples everywhere."

Iron Curtain Countries Refusing Mail Franked with Refugee Stamps

AS was to be expected, the governments of countries behind the iron curtain are not pleased with the (World Refugee Year stamps since the refugees are from their areas. The Hungarian postal administration refuses all mail stamped with Austrian W.R.Y. stamps, and so Austria has ceased attempting to get letters and cards so stamped through, but returns them to senders.

The government of Czechoslovakia accepts the mail with these stamps over the border, but does not deliver it to the addressees. The post office at Prague affixes a white label imprinted "Non admis/Nepripustne" and a rubber stamp "Retour," and returns them to senders.

Letters to Poland with the West German W.R.Y. stamps have come back to senders with the stamps torn off; and similarly franked letters to Roumania have come back with a red rubber-stamp reading "Retour / Affranchie avec / timbres non admis."

Switzerland has suggested that persons writing to any of the iron curtain countries should not ever use the W.R.Y. stamps, for while so far only those mentioned have refused admission or returned, it is likely any time that the other eastern countries will reject such mail.

—Joachim Dill

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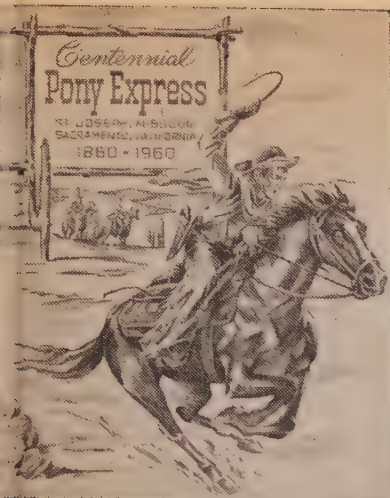
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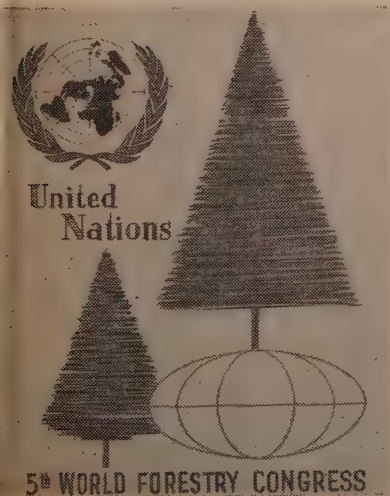
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British Commonwealth Issues

By F. E. METCALFE

7 Leather Lane, Liverpool 2, England
Editor, Commonwealth Catalogue of
KGVI and QEII Stamps

COLLECTORS of KGVI and QEII have always had a strong interest in shade and perforation varieties, but I wonder if all will welcome the information I am going to give them here.

It has to do with four releases from the Crown Agents during May concerning Pahang 50c, \$5; Perak 50c, \$5; Selangor 50c, \$5; and Trengganu 50c. When the originals appeared in 1957, taking the short side of each stamp first, the perforation measured $12\frac{3}{4}$ by $12\frac{1}{2}$; but now the $12\frac{1}{2}$ of the long sides have moved up to 13, and of course this means new catalog listings for all seven stamps.

And what about the original perforation varieties which are now obsolete? Frankly, I think that as time goes on they will prove to be scarce. Dealers in Britain today are finding that their spare cash is mostly needed for new stamps. This was to be expected since many of the colonies have not had a change for years. Trinidad, for instance, which has just announced a new set, is still "making do" with designs over twenty years old. Gibraltar is another spot which has had no change for seven years; Kenya, for six, etc. Dealers have to put a lot of cash into these issues and so stocks of obsolete ones, like these Malayan perforation varieties, have to go by the board. So, if you cannot afford to get both at the same time, I would recommend getting the old before buying the new perfs.

U.S.A. booklets have been popular for some time, but in spite of the fact that for the last few years those sold by the British Post Office have been of outstanding interest, owing to changes of watermark, etc., it is not until recently that British collectors are going in for them to any extent. Now they will have plenty to go after, even if they stick only to their own country. Incidentally, there is an excellent catalog of British Empire booklets by H. R. Work, published in New York. It was reviewed in STAMPS at the time of original publication. Since then there has been a second edition and a supplement to the latter. The book costs \$4.00, and the supplement \$3.00 from H. R. Work, P.O. Box 730, Grand Central Station, New York 17, N. Y.

I have a strong feeling that the growing demand for British booklets is going to affect today's prices, sending them upward. As a matter of fact, I am starting to revise the next edition of the Commonwealth QEII catalog, and as I get to studying the market for pricing, I shouldn't be surprised if I should find it necessary to mark up quite generally on the booklets.

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306-09	.70	728-29	.14
310-14	1.50	730-31	.07
315-21	2.80	732	.50
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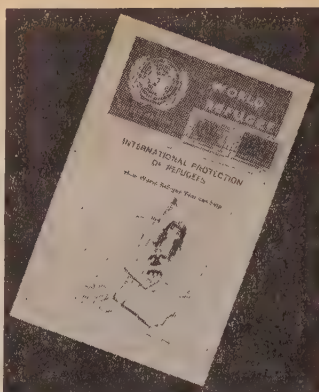
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TIP OFF

ROMANIA—Scott's #CB20-21 has gone up from \$2.50 to \$3.50. I feel this price change is still not accurate as I believe that very few dealers would part with it for less than the full new catalog valuation. Printed in sheetlets of four, as the footnote after #CB21 indicates, it is much scarcer in this state than most may imagine. Because of the scarcity and the still low valuation, I select it as this week's TIPOFF. Once again I recommend to "try your best to buy at best." Most of the above-mentioned issues have a topical background, and, in most cases, are absent from all wholesale price lists or priced over half of Scott's new valuation. Don't be discouraged by the oncoming summer heat as it is still possible to find any of these issues at a decent price. If you obtain them on the basis of the new, or still better, old valuation, you can be sure of very good possibilities.

HAITI—This country recently issued a Red Cross commemorative, overprinted for this purpose on Scott's Type A 63. Only a fraction of orders placed with the Agence Philatelique Haitienne could be filled in order to be just to everyone. This set, issued among the flood of World Refugee Year issues, is being overlooked by many and is seldom advertised by anyone. Be sure you get this set, which sells for approximately \$3.50 to \$4.00, and which will rise in price as do all much-sought-after items. Remember that it is a Red Cross issue, a topic collected by hundreds of people.

WORLD REFUGEE YEAR ISSUES—From recent ads, one can tell in which direction the market is moving. The souvenir sheets are the ones which lead the parade as they continue to climb. Selling for many times the new issue price of only a month ago as this is written, the Korean sheet, for example, is up to \$5.00, and hard to find even at this price. My correspondent in Seoul claims that there is not a single sheet that is offered, and nobody knows

at has happened to the whole printing. The Haiti souvenir sheet, which seems to be the best of the crop, is being offered at \$9.00, and as I understand it, no quantities are on hand. The two *Dominican Republic* souvenir sheets cost \$6.00, and the *Argentina* sheet is up to 75c. The *Berberia* souvenir sheet is very seldom seen and is offered for \$7.50 at this time. The *Afghanistan* imperforated pair costs \$2.50 a road, and not more than ten sets at a time can be supplied. The top quotation for the *Guatemala* set is \$5.00, and the more of a very low edition may turn out to be true. As time goes on, more and more will be asked for these issues because more and more collectors all over the globe will be collecting World Refugee Year issues. Orders from dealers abroad, who are willing to pay prevailing U.S.A. retail prices, are coming in daily. In many cases these dealers just ask for the quantities they need to supply their clients, with price a secondary factor. *Yugoslavia* and *Lebanon* issues are still very low priced and will go up. *Lebanon* is announcing a re-issue in different colors. The original set was sold out after a day or two so that it would be wise to get it.

FINLAND—See to it that Scott's #182-#279, #326 and #341 are in your collection. I would recommend #341 in a te-beche pair, which is the proper way to collect this stamp. The market is rising up on these issues and the days of low prices are numbered.

Slogan Cancellations

Santa Barbara, California, is utilizing a special slogan cancellation (June 15-August 14, 1960) reading "Santa Barbara Santa Days August 10-14."

Hot Springs, Florida, has introduced a special postmark "75TH ANNIVERSARY 1960" which will remain in use only 1 through December 31, 1960.

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678, C73/4	.20	C173/5	.60	C171/6	5.00	Salvador	(1) .12
B14/6, CB8/12	2.50	VENEZUELA		C188/96	11.50	Uruguay	(2) .15
B12, CB1/5	7.50	740/C708 (6)		C191	.35	BRAZIL	
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465a	.35	802		C194	.40	728	.50
609/11	.65	C87		C256, CO75 (2)	.25	886	.10
608	.20	JUBA		NICARAGUA		COLOMBIA	
C50/2	5.00	535		717 sheet	1.50	637a, C271a (2)	3.50
CHILE		565/C152		RA55a/58a PRS	1.00	CUBA	
276, C125	1.25	B28/30		RA60 sheet	.50	C193/4	1.00
COLOMBIA		DOMINICAN REP.		PARAGUAY		571/4	1.00
709/12, C350/2	1.00	B6/10, CB4/6		556/9, C262/4	1.00	C307	.40
C354 Sheet	2.00	NICARAGUA		PERU		C319	.40
CUBA		718		C78/81	15.00	LC4	.40
539/C113 (8)	3.00	718 sheet		URUGUAY		GUATEMALA	
C33	1.75	778/C386 (15)		282/4	4.50	C260	1.00
C122/6	3.00	Same sheets (2)		VENEZUELA		MEXICO	
C126a	3.50	SPORTS		735/9, C701/5	1.50	813/18	3.00
DOMINICAN REP.		BRAZIL		C334/7	.75	905	.05
356/7	10.00	898		C337a	2.50	906	.05
ECUADOR		COLOMBIAN REP.		REFUGEE YEAR		C158/62	7.50
C351/3	.90	543/4		Argentina	(2) .20	NICARAGUA	
GUATEMALA		REFUGEE YEAR		Bolivia	(10) 1.75	750/4, C339/45	7.50
318	.15	898		Brazil	(1) .15	813/8, C424/09	3.25
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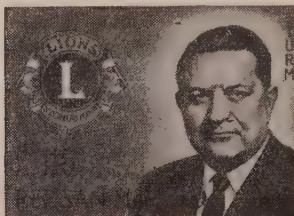
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Designs for the San Marino Lions International

AS reported in the new issues last week, San Marino issued a set of stamps on July 1, 1960, in honor of Lions International and the founding of the Lions Club of San Marino. We had a list of the values, but not a description of the designs, which has now been furnished to us by Peter G. Keller, secretary of the Lions International Stamp Club. Mr. Keller states that the stamps were issued to commemorate the recent visit to San Marino of Lions International president, Clarence L. Sturm.



Two of the designs of the San Marino Lions International issue

Mr. Keller also informs us that the San Marino stamps will be placed on sale at face value at the Lions International Convention in Chicago, July 6-9, 1960. Headquarters will be at the Hotel Sherman, and the stamps will be available there, where 50,000 delegates will attend the convention.

Federico Bigi, Secretary of State of the Republic of San Marino, sent an advance set of proofs of the stamps, the designs of which are as follows:

L. 30—Castle in San Marino with the Lions International emblem in the upper right-hand corner.

L. 45—Portrait of Melvin Jones, secretary-general and founder of Lions International; also showing the Lions International Headquarters building.

L. 60—A building and statue in San Marino with the emblem of the Lions in the upper right-hand corner.

L. 115—Portrait of Clarence L. Sturm, of Manawa, Wisconsin, international president, with a large emblem of the Lions in the upper left-hand corner.

L. 150—Portrait of Finis E. Davis, of Louisville, Kentucky, the first international vice-president, and emblem in upper left-hand corner.

The foregoing are the regular issues. There is also an airmail as follows:

L. 200—A map of the world (globe) on which is superimposed a large emblem of the Lions.

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Parade of Precancels NEW YORK STATE (Continued)

In the Presidential section we find a rather scarce coil, that is, both the 1c and 1½c coils from Burlington Flats fall into that class. The story behind these Burlington Flats Bureau coils is that a certain individual tried to corner this issue. He was the only permit-holder, and besides he was employed in the Burlington Flats Post Office, but his scheme did not work out as he planned.

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Wide-spacing

Wide-spacing

Were it not for the fact that the Board of Governors of the Precancel Stamp Society arranged for a mailing to all members before these coils were returned in 1941 to Washington, they would be real rarities and unobtainable.

There is another scarce Presidential, the ½c narrow from Watertown. Of course, if you study the Gunesch-Coda Standard Bureau Catalog, you will find other Presidentials that would merit mention, but the New York section of the Parade is already unduly long.

In the Defense section we find the 1mira wide-spacing to be the scarcest of all Defense issues and is the highest priced Defense in the whole catalog. If you collect the Defense Bureaus in block of fours you will have trouble locating one from Falconer. Even single copies from this town are not common.

New York State has several error varieties to its credit, like the Flushing "no period" errors on the narrow Presidentials; and High overprints from East Aurora, Patchogue and White Plains. For further information on these error varieties consult your Gunesch-Coda Standard Bureau Catalog, which lists, describes and prices all of them.

I found the following note in the September 1931 issue of the *Precancel Bee*, written by the late E. S. Thresher, which sheds new light on the Buffalo 3c Lincoln coil rarity, which we wrote up before.

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"I just found out the why and what for of the 3c Buffalo, 3c Lincoln, 3c Stuart, and 4c Taft coils. It seems that a Multi-graph company there, has a new fangled sort of machine which is supposed to save expenses, and which in place of using perforated initialed coils, uses them precanceled (safety precaution). It's one of those machines that folds the letter, puts it in the envelope, closes and sticks the envelope, cuts the stamp, affixes it, postcancels it, and puts the postmark in proper position, all in one operation. All done of course with a permit of some kind. This is the same kind of machine as is used in Albany, by the Department of Labor, with the 4c Taft coil, and by the Massachusetts Bonding and Insurance Co. with Boston 6c coil in the small Old Styles and other coils. I have covers of all of these and all look exactly alike except that Boston is using a pale blue ink."

Re-read the story of the 3c Buffalo Lincoln coil written up at the very beginning of the New York State section of the Parade.

Price List of Germany

A new 12-page listing of Germany has been issued by Otto W. Kaperl, P.O. Box 35175, Los Angeles, Calif. It will be sent for a stamped return envelope.

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THE Philatelic Foundation will again this year have a course in philately, and with some added features. Among the new aspects will be slide displays of stamps and covers from the Foundation's archives, selections of material from noted collections on display in the lecture hall, and a discussion period after each lecture.

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L. F. Livingston, 2435 No. Charles St., Baltimore 18, Maryland, head of the China Philatelic Agency, advises that his offices will be closed from July 18 through July 31, during which time he will be visiting the London Exhibition and on a buying and selling trip to other cities in Europe. His itinerary is as follows: London, July 9-13; Amsterdam, July 14; Copenhagen, July 15-16; Berlin, July 17-19; Munich, July 20-21; Vienna, July 22-23; Rome, July 24-26; Zurich, July 27 and Paris, July 28-31. Orders received during his absence will be filled upon his return on August 1.

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AUSTRIA—Our thanks to *Joachim Dill* and *Gustav Th. Schlesinger* for first day covers of the 1.50S. stamp, honoring Dr. A. Eiselberg, issued June 13, 1960, which became valid for postage on June 20, 1960, as reported in our June 18th issue.

Our thanks also to *Mr. Dill* and *Mr. Schlesinger* for information on the following new issues. On July 4, 1960, a 1.50S., dark reddish-brown stamp, was released in honor of the 100th anniversary of the birth of composer Gustav Mahler. The stamp, designed by Robert Fuchs and engraved by Georg Wimmer, became valid for postage on July 7, 1960, and was printed in an edition of three million.

On July 12, 1960, a 1.50S., red-brown commemorative will be released in honor of the 300th anniversary of the birth of baroque artist, Jakob Prandtauer. The stamp, depicting a portrait of the artist and the abbey of Melk in the background, was designed by Adalbert Pilch and en-

graved by Rudolf Toth. The stamp will become valid for postage on July 16, 1960, and have an edition of three million.

Our thanks to *Eva Fuchs* for a postcard with a special cancellation from Vienna, dated June 21, 1960, honoring "Euro-pagesprach, June 21-25, 1960."

BRAZIL—Our thanks to *Gen. Arnaldo Franca* and *Jose Almir Mendes* for first day covers and copy of the Cr. \$3.30, red stamp issued June 16, 1960, honoring the Seventh National Eucharistic Congress. The stamp, designed by Antonio Lobato and engraved by Deposiano Masciucio dos Santos, was rotogravured on paper water-marked "Brazil-Star-Correio," in sheets of twenty-five, in an edition of five million.

Gen. Franca reports that the following new issue program: June 26, 1960, 10th Congress World's Baptist Alliance; July 7, 1960, Miss Maria Ester Bueno, Tennis Champion; July 19, 1960, 50th annivers-

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July of Brazilian Boy Scout; July 1960, International Library commemorative; July 1960, Centenary of the Agriculture Department; September 7, 1960, Brasilia set with Cr. \$11.50 stamp; September 1960, Sporting Games 1960.

CHINA (COMMUNIST)—Our thanks to the China Philatelic Company, Peiping, for a first day cover and copies of the 8-fen value set issued June 16, 1960, showing various phases of "Pig Breeding," to publicize animal husbandry. Each of the stamps has an 8 fen value, and depicts one of the following subjects: Propagation, Vaccination, Sty with Fat Pigs, Mechanized Feeding and More Pigs—More Pigs. The set was designed by artists of the Postage Stamp Issuing Bureau and photogravured in two colors by the Peking Postage Stamp Printing Works, in sheets of fifty.

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CHINA (FORMOSA)—Our thanks to the Directorate General of Posts, for copies of the NT \$2.00, orange Phonopost stamp, released June 27, 1960, as forecast in our June 18th issue. The stamp was printed on un gummed paper in an edition of three million.

Our thanks to S. Y. Ma, Taipei, for a first day cover of the two-value set issued June 18, 1960, honoring President Eisenhower's visit to Taiwan, reported in our July 2nd issue. The values are NT \$2.00 and NT \$3.00.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA—Our thanks to Ladislav Novacek for first day covers of the three-value 1960 Olympic Game set issued June 15, 1960, and of the three-value Second 1960 Spartakiada Games, issued on June 15, 1960. The values of the Olympic Game set are 1 Kcs., 1.80 Kcs., and 2 Kcs. The values of the Spartakiada Games set are 30h., 60h., and 1 Kcs.

GERMANY (EAST)—On June 23, 1960, four stamps were scheduled to have been issued, showing the vacation ship of the East German labor organization, the FDGB. The values were 5 pf., 10 + 5pf., 20 + 10 pf., and 25 pf.

—Joachim Dill



GREAT BRITAIN—The designs on the two-value set, issued July 7, 1960, to mark the tercentenary of Charles II's Act establishing the General Post Office are as follows. The 3d. stamp shows a portrait of Queen Elizabeth II and a post boy on horseback. Designed by Reynolds Stone, the commemorative also has the cypher "CII," the date 1660, and the words "General Post Office." The 1/3 vertical stamp, designed by Faith Jacques, shows a portrait of the Queen, oak leaves and acorns surrounding a crown and a 1660 post horn. The cypher "CII" and the dates 1660 and 1960 also appear on the stamp. Both stamps are double normal size and were printed by Messrs. Harrison & Sons Ltd., on paper having a Crown watermark. —General Post Office

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Correspondence posted at the temporary post office at Wimbledon, from June 20 to July 2, 1960, were specially postmarked with "All England Lawn Tennis Championships."

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HAITI—To continue to raise funds in its fight against illiteracy, the four-value 1960 World Refugee Year set has been released on July 5, 1960, with the overprint "Alphabetisation" and a surcharge of plus 20 centimes and plus 30 centimes. The original values of the stamps were as follows: regular postage—10c., 50c.; airmails—50c., 1G.

—Agence Philatelique Haitienne

INDIA—Our thanks to the following for first day covers and photographs of the two-value set honoring the poet and dramatist Kalidasa, issued June 22, 1960, forecast in our May 7th issue: *S. S. Chowdery, J. F. Drouette Dias, H. V. Kapadia, D. Mehta, and Mahendra H. Shah*. The stamps depict scenes from two of Kalidasa's works, the Meghduta and the Shakuntala. The set consists of the following values, colors, and editions: 15nP, grey, thirty million; Rs.1.03, yellow and dark brown, fifteen million. The stamps were designed by P. B. Chitnis and K. M. Dhar of the India Security Press, and were based on paintings of scenes of the author's works. The set was photographed in sheets of thirty-five, on multiple watermarked "Lion Capital of Asoka" paper, at the Security Press, Nasik. Our thanks to *S. S. Chowdery and D. Mehta* for the information.

IRELAND—Our thanks to the following for first day covers and copies of the two-value World Refugee set issued on June 20, 1960, reported in our June 4th issue: *Charles F. Bourke; G. Cribben, Clonshough, Raheny, Co.; Sydney H. Glass; Alf. G. McGann; and T. J. O'Riordan of Oriel Press Ltd.* The values are 3d. and 1/3.

JUGOSLAVIA—Our thanks to *Dr. V. Simic-Vakanovic* for a cover with special cancellation dated June 11, 1960, honoring "Opatija," the Adriatic Grand Prix, which took place June 11-12, 1960.

KOREA (SOUTH)—Our thanks to the following for first day covers, copies and miniature sheet of the 40 Hwan stamp issued June 19, 1960, commemorating President Eisenhower's recent visit to South Korea; *Chin Rock Bang; Shorry Chung; Korea Pen Pals International; Mint Sheet Co., World Stamp Co., and the Director General of Posts*. The stamp was reported in our June 25th issue. Also issued on June 19, 1960, was a 40 Hwan miniature sheet in an edition of 30,000.

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new, five-value definitive set showing the
portrait of the Grand Duchess Charlotte.
Both the commemorative and definitives,
forecast in our June 11th issue, were re-
leased on June 14, 1960. The values of
the definitives are 30c., 1F., 1.50F., 2.50F.,
and 5F.

NETHERLANDS—*Joachim Dill*, West
Germany, reports that a 12c. stamp, de-
picting Johannes Wier, and a 30c. stamp,
showing Schroeder van der Kolk, will
probably be issued on July 18, 1960, in
honor of "Spiritual Public Health."

PANAMA—*John B. Wright* informs us
that a two-value set will be issued in
October to commemorate the 1960 Cen-
sus. The values, colors and designs are
as follows: 5c, black, silhouette of people
and homes; 10c, sepia, silhouette of people
against background of a map of the Ameri-
can continent. Both airmail stamps will be
lithographed by Waterlow & Sons, Eng-
land, on watermarked paper, in an edi-
tion of one million each.

POLAND—A "Great Poles" definitive
series will be issued in sets of five stamps,
in the years 1961, 1962, and 1963, as
part of the Millenary of the Polish State
festivities.

In the latter part of 1960, a new de-
finitive set of eighteen values will be is-
sued depicting "Polish Historical Towns
and Cities." This set will eventually re-
place the existing "Monuments, Physi-
cians and Town Halls" definitive set. The
new series will be printed in recess from
steel engraved plates.

The 90 gr. stamp commemorating the
550th anniversary of the Battle of Grun-
wald, reported in our June 11th issue,
will have an edition of one million copies.

To commemorate the opening of
POLSKA '60, a 10 zL. + 10 zL. stamp
will be issued on September 3, 1960,
bearing the same design as the 40 gr.
value of the Centenary of Polish Stamps
set issued in March 1960. The stamp will
have an edition of 400,000, and be print-
ed in blocks of four. The surtax is in-
tended to defray the costs of the exhibi-
tion and the stamps will be sold only at
the exhibition's post offices on presenta-
tion of an entry ticket, with only one
stamp sold on presentation of each ticket.

On June 6, 1960, the first ten of a
planned seventeen postcard set was issued,
showing various historical designs and
coat-of-arms of district capitals. The dis-
trict capitals represented in the ten cards
released are the following: Warsaw, Cra-
cow, Poznan, Szczecin, Wroclaw, Cie-
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—Dr. M. A. Rayall de Ragan

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17, 1960. The values and designs of the photogravured stamps are as follows: 3d., Gorge in 1955; 6d., power lines; 1/-, view of the wall; 1/3, distant view of the wall and lake; 2/6, power station; 5/-, view of the Dam and portraits of the Queen and the Queen Mother.

Stamp Collecting, London

ROMANIA—Dr. M. A. Rayall de Ragan, Poland, reports that the following sets will be issued in 1960:

A set honoring the "Great Cultural Anniversaries," of world famous people will commemorate the following people: Frederick Chopin, Leo Tolstoi, Anthony Czechov, Mark Twain, Bjornson Bronstjerne, Daniel Defoe, Robert Schumann, Alfred de Musset, Robert Koch, Janos Bolyai, Diego Velasquez, Andrew Rublew and Hokusai Katsushika.

A set honoring famous Roumanian paintings from the National Gallery.

A set of stamps depicting the Romanian fishing flotilla in the Black Sea;

A set of stamps honoring the International Second Festival of Theatres of Dolls and Puppets;

A set honoring Stamp Day, November 15, 1960;

A set honoring the Railway Employees Day.

RUSSIA—Our thanks to *Mezhdunarodnaja Kniga* for a special cover and cancellation, dated April 15-18, 1960, honoring the Youth Fencing World Championship which took place in Leningrad on those dates. The cover, bearing an official cachet, is franked by a 40 kopeks fencing stamp (Scott's No. 1847).

RYUKYU ISLANDS—Our thanks to Joseph V. Bush, Chula Vista, Calif., for a cover dated June 19, 1960, with special cancellation commemorating President Eisenhower's visit to the island of Okinawa on that date. The pictorial design shows two clasped hands.

SAN MARINO—A description of the Lions International set, issued July 1, 1960, reported in our July 2nd issue, will be found in an item elsewhere in this issue.

SOMALIA—To commemorate its full independence, a set of stamps was scheduled to have been issued on July 1, 1960. The values and designs are as follows: regular postage—5c, gazelle with map of Africa; 25c, U.N. Building in New York and U.N. flag; airmails—1.00S, Montecitorio Palace, Rome (seat of the Italian Chamber of Deputies) and the Italian flag; 1.80S, Legislative Assembly House in Mogadishu and the Somali flag.

—Philatelic Magazine, June 3, 1960

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA—On May 31, 1960, the last of the Golden Jubilee stamps was issued, as forecast in our May 28th issue. The 3d. stamp depicts the profile portraits of the six South African Prime Ministers since 1910.

—Stamp Collecting, June 10, 1960

UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC (EGYPT)—Our thanks to the *Ministry of Communications* for a first day cover of the World Refugee Year set issued April 7, 1960, reported in our May 14th issue, and for copies of the 500 Mills and 2 Mills definitives recently issued.

VIET NAM (NORTH)—On April 5, 1960, two stamps were issued showing the temple of Hung Vuong. The values and colors were 12 xu (salmon and green) and 4d. (brown and blue). On April 22, 1960, a set of two values and souvenir sheet were issued to commemorate the 90th anniversary of the birth of Lenin. The values, colors and editions are as follows: 5 xu, brownish-violet, 500,000; 12 xu, blue-grey, 1,500,000. The souvenir sheet had an edition of 10,000.

—L'Echo de la Timbrologie, May 1960

VIET NAM (SOUTH)—Samuel J. Heath, Trenton, N. J., reports that a four-value set was issued on July 7, 1960, honoring the "Agglomeration Rurale." The values are 0.50 pi, 1 pi, 3 pi, and 7 pi.

Going on in the Stamp World

(Editor's Note: Recognized stamp club sponsoring cachets for special event not related to first day sales of new stamps can receive mention on request signed by an officer of the club, if the cost is not more than 10c each, including PRINTED or ENGRAVED cacheted envelope, postage and servicing.)

Coming Events

July 15—California Collectors Club meeting at the Broadmore Hotel, 1499 Sutter St., San Francisco, Calif., at 8:00 P.M. Special trading session.

July 18—Mound City Stamp Club meeting at the Jefferson Hotel, 12th and Locust Sts., St. Louis, Mo. Informal summer meeting and trader's night.

July 19—Tucson Stamp Club meeting in Room 101, Art Bldg., University of Arizona, Speedway and Olive Rd., Tucson, Ariz., at 7:30 P.M. Ronald Winkler will present an A.T.A. film strip on "Foreign Countries Honoring the United Nations."

July 25—New York Chapter No. 4 of the American First Day Cover Society meeting at the New York Newspaper Guild, 133 W. 44th St., New York City, at 7:30 P.M. Visitors welcome.

July 29—Garfield-Perry Stamp Club meeting at 8:00 P.M., at the Hollenden Hotel, Cleveland, O. George T. Turner, curator of the National Postage Stamp Collection at the Smithsonian Institution, will be guest speaker.

Miscellaneous Club Notes

All stamp collectors of at least high school age who are interested in obtaining information on the newly-formed Excelsior Philatelic Society of Brooklyn should contact Glen Schor, 1049 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn 30, N. Y.

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The Copper City Stamp Club of Rome, New York, is sponsoring a special two-color, printed cachet in connection with the celebration of Fort Stanwix Day, August 3, 1960. The cacheted covers, depicting the original thirteen-star flag and the new fifty-star flag, will be franked with the new fifty-star flag stamp and be postmarked with a special slogan cancellation reading, "Fort Stanwix Day/August 3rd/Rome, New York." The covers are available at 10c each (do not send stamps) from Franklyn Rudd, 614 N. James St., Rome, N. Y.

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—JOSE RUIZ PEREZ

Cuban Director General of Posts Warns of Fake Olympics Issue

THE Director General of Posts of Cuba, Juan Puig Gomez, has supplied us with copies of correspondence he has had with a firm in Italy that is alleged to have been distributing a set of five adhesives represented to be an issue of Cuba for the XVII Olympics Games.



One design in spurious Olympics set denounced by Cuban Postal Dept.

The correspondence directs the firm to place at the disposition of the Cuban Embassy in Rome, Italy, all the existing copies of the stamps mentioned above which you have, as well as the plates and other apparatus used in its printing to be noted and destroyed by the representatives of our Republic."

The stamps, Mr. Gomez advises us, were manufactured without the authoriza-

tion of the Cuban Government, "and have appeared in a manner surprising to our Government." The matter has been placed before the Universal Postal Union with a request to circulate to all U.P.U. members the information that this is a fraudulent issue.

We are showing one of the designs with this item. The other four stamps of the set have the same outer frame design and inscription, with the central design being: 5c prize fighting; 10c, running; 25c, boating; 1p, discus-throwing.

Pony Express Cachet

A RUBBER-STAMP cachet is being prepared by the Indianapolis, Indiana, post office to commemorate the first Pony Express trip from Centerville, to Indianapolis, Indiana. The original trip was made in 1822, with Lewis Jones as the Express rider. The trip will be reenacted from Centerville on July 20, 1960, and covers will be serviced there. It is expected that Mark True will make the sixty-mile ride, using the same saddle carrier mail bags of the original trip.

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